

REMARKS

Claims 47-67 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Borin for indicating in the Office Action that Claims 19-21 are allowable over the references of record, and for helpful comments to overcome the rejections.

The rejection of Claims 18 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ohki et al (WO 96/11210) is believed to be obviated by the cancellation of these claims. Further, new Claims 47-67 are neither disclosed nor suggested by Ohki et al.

Ohki et al discloses cyclic peptides having a radical substituent (R1) where R1 can be a benzoyl substituted with piperazinyl having phenyl substituted with cycloalkyl (see Example 70 at page 177).

In contrast, Claims 47-67 do not relate to cyclic peptides having a radical substituent (R1) where R1 is benzoyl substituted with piperazinyl having phenyl substituted with cycloalkyl.

In addition, Ohki et al discloses cyclic peptides having a substituent (R1) where R1 is benzoyl substituted with piperazinyl having phenyl substituted with alkoxy (see Example 105 at page 182).

In contrast, new Claims 47-67 do not relate to a cyclic peptide having a substituent R1 where R1 is benzoyl substituted with piperazinyl having phenyl substituted with alkoxy. Therefore, Ohki et al fails to disclose or suggest the R1 groups recited in the present claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 22 and 29-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 18, 22, and 28-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The objection of Claim 18 is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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--Claims 18-46 are canceled.--

--Claims 47-67 are new.--